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- 1 The Authors present a stamp impression of the well documented type of the *Yehud* stamp—a type that two of the three authors of this article have extensively published beginning in 2011. The newly presented stamp was impressed on a jar handle brought to light in the so-called "Babylonian-Persian Pit" during the 2011 field campaign at Ramat Rahel. The impression reads: yhwd / gdlyh. The comparisons with other types suggest that the person named in the seal had an official role, however, this role can't be determined more precisely. Moreover, although the name 'Gedaliah' is documented in some other stamp impressions of the same type, the Authors exclude the possibility that all the seals bearing this name necessarily refer to the same person. This argument is important, as it excludes any automatic association between this stamp impression (or the other stamp impressions bearing the same name) and the person described in biblical texts as the appointee of the Babylonians after 586 BCE.

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